

REMARKS

Applicants wish to rephrase the third paragraph of Remarks set forth in the Request for Reconsideration filed December 14, 2009, as follows.

Though pending independent claim 3 of the present application has been amended so as to have a limitation that the aromatic hydrocarbon is basically C₉ or C₁₀-based, the Examiner indicated that tetramethylbenzene is an aromatic hydrocarbon, and has combined Koyanagi et al. disclosing tetramethylbenzene having 10 carbon atoms and Wyatt et al. disclosing only diisopropylbenzene having 12 carbon atoms.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the modified paragraph set forth above in conjunction with the other Remarks set forth in the December 14, 2009 Request for Reconsideration, and withdraw the obviousness rejection over Koyanagi in view of Wyatt.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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